Party on the Wild Side at Croydon Creek Nature Center

Party Planning Details

Birthday parties at Croydon Creek feature a fun-filled hour-long program led by a naturalist and are best suited for children ages 3 and older, with some parties designed for older children. Each party consists of both an indoor and outdoor learning experience, unless otherwise noted. In the event of inclement weather, alternative arrangements for outdoor portions will be arranged.

The birthday child receives one Wild Party T-shirt and each party guest will receive a special nature craft to take home. Nature-themed goody bags are also available for an additional fee (please call ahead for details). Your total access time to the party room is 2 ½ hours – this time includes set-up, your wild party and take-down.

Scheduling a Party

Choose from the following times: Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 2 - 4:30 p.m., Sundays: 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Parties are scheduled year-round. Call Croydon Creek Nature Center at 240-314-8770 for more information and date availability.

Party Fees

Fee (up to 10 children): \$180/Rockville resident; \$204/Non-Rockville resident. Add \$10 for each additional child, up to a maximum of 25 children. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the date. Deposits can be paid using either MasterCard or VISA, check or cash.

Your cost includes:

- Room rental for 2 ½ hours
 I hour naturalist-led program
- Up to 10 party guests (additional fee for each child above 10; limit 25)
- Invitations
 A craft for each party participant
- Tables covered with brown Kraft paper
- A birthday shirt for the birthday child





Birthday Party Themes

Classic Party

(ages 3+; all year)

Get up close and personal with three live animals who call the Center home and enjoy a naturalist-led hike in the forest preserve.

Classic With Craft

(ages 3+; all year)

Get up close and personal with three live animals who call the Center home and make a nature-themed craft to take home. This party does not include a hike.

Feathers and Fur

(ages 3+; all year)

Investigate our collection of bio-facts as you discover mammals and birds commonly found in Maryland. This party does not include live animals.

Tracks and Trails

(ages 3+; all year)

Become wildlife detectives and explore the tracks and traces left by our resident wildlife with an indoor and outdoor lesson. This party does not include live animals.

Meadow Mayhem

(ages 4 +; June-Sept)

Explore the wonderful world of entomology as you capture and study insects in our meadow. This party does not include live animals.

Creek Crawl

(ages 7 +; June-Sept)

Grab your water shoes and head to the creek to see the different creatures that swim and crawl there. This party does not include live animals.

Geocaching Adventure

(ages 8+; all year)

Learn the basics of geocaching and use handheld GPS devices (provided by the Center) to complete an outdoor scavenger hunt. This party does not include live animals.

Croydon Creek nature parties are designed to educate and entertain with hands-on programs that highlight the wonders of nature. The Nature Center's staff will make sure you and your child have a memorable birthday experience, whether you are interacting with the much-loved reptiles and amphibians who live at the Center, exploring the trails on a geocaching adventure, or enjoying a naturalist-led hike in the surrounding woods.